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SUBJECT: GOM REQUEST FOR USG TRUCKS

REF: (A) BAMAKO 2554 (NOTAL) (B) STATE 165520 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. THE GOM HAS WRITTEN AMEMBASSY BAMAKO JUSTIFYING REQUEST 50 HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES AND 30 HEAVY DUTY AMBULANCES FOR USE MALI'S SIXTH REGION. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS USG SUPPLY 8 TEN TON TRUCKS AND 4 AMBULANCES. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER AMEMBASSY RECOMMENDATION, BOTH THE TIMBUKTU AND GAO CIRCLES WOULD RECEIVE FOUR FWD 5-TO-10 TON TRUCKS AND 2 FWD ARMY AMBULANCES.

3. GOM DROUGHT COORDINATOR DOUKARA STATES HE HAS INVESTIGATED WEST AFRICAN POSSIBILITIES LEASE/CHARTER SAID VEHICLES, THAT TYPE NEEDED ARE NOT AVAILABLE, AND THAT NO PRIVATE OWNER IS WILLING RISK HIS VEHICLE UNDER SUCH ADVERSE CONDITIONS.

4. EMBASSY ADDS FRG IS SUPPLYING 10 VEHICLES WITH 120 TON CAPACITY, AND GOM "INTENDS" PURCHASE ABOUT 30 BERLIET TRUCKS (NOT FURTHER SPECIFIED) FROM FRANCE. DOUKARA STATES REQUEST TO US IN ADDITION TO TRANSPORT BEING OBTAINED OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. AID/W RECOMMENDED IN REFTEL (B) (NO REPLIES RECEIVED TO DATE) THAT AMEMBASSY BAMAKO AND NEIGHBORING MISSIONS EXPLORE LEASE/RENTAL OF SUCH TRUCKS, IN LIEU PURCHASE BECAUSE OF INHERENT PROBLEMS MAINTENANCE, TITLE, ETC., WHEN VEHICLES BOUGHT. IF VEHICLES AVAILABLE FOR LEASE/RENTAL, REQUEST EMBASSIES/ADOS ADVISE WITH SPECIFICS, INCLUDING ESTIMATED TIMING FOR DELIVERY MALI. FOR RABAT. IN EVENT LEASE/RENTAL NOT FEASIBLE, AID/W WILLING EXPLORE OTHER ALTERNATIVES, SPECIFICALLY WHETHER MOROCCAN ASSEMBLED TRUCKS MIGHT BE SUITABLE AND AVAILABLE ON TIMELY BASIS FOR SHIPMENT BY SEA TO APPROPRIATE PORT, OR OVERLAND TO TIMBUKTU/GAO AREA. WOULD PROCURE THROUGH DISASTER RELIEF FUNDED PURCHASE OF EXCESS MOROCCAN CURRENCY. APPRECIATE USAID MOROCCO EXPLORING, WITHOUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITMENT, WHAT LOCALLY ASSEMBLED TRUCKS AND AMBULANCES MEETING ABOVE GENERAL DESCRIPTION MIGHT BE BOUGHT IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE, AND REPORT AID/W.

6. RECENT TELCON WITH HEAD CIDA DROUGHT EFFORTS REVEALS NEAR UNANIMOUS CANADIAN FIELD PERSONNEL OPINION BERLIET L 62, EIGHT-TON TRUCK, MOST SUITABLE AFRICAN WORK BECAUSE OF RELATIVE SIMPLICITY AND WIDESPREAD USE THROUGHOUT

REGION. APPRECIATE ANY FIELD COMMENTS L 62 ABILITY
WITHSTAND EXTREMELY DIFFICULT CONDITIONS SIXTH REGION
MALI.

7. FOR ROME. WHAT REQUESTS HAS FAO/OSRO RECEIVED FROM
GOM FOR TRUCKS? DOES FAO/OSRO KNOW WHAT TYPES TRUCKS
OTHER DONORS MAY BE PROVIDING GOM AND UNDER WHAT
CONDITIONS?

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